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REMARKS

The subject preliminary amendment is made to correctly claim benefit of priority from copending predecessor patent application. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney filed on January 18, 2002 will soon be replaced with a newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the same inventors, which Declaration and Power of Attorney correctly claims benefit of priority from copending patent application Serial No. 09/797,275. Applicants respectfully request entry of this preliminary amendment prior to action on the merits.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required for this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.18, including but not limited to the issue fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. A duplicate copy of this sheet(s) is enclosed.

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A version of the amended paragraph marked up to show all of the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph is shown below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (b)(1)(iii).

The 1st paragraph on page 1 of the specification immediately after the heading entitled "Cross-Reference To Related Applications" is shown marked up as follows:

This patent application is a continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of priority from copending patent application Serial No. [09/797,442] 09/797,275, filed on March 1, 2001, entitled [Method Of Manufacturing A Cylindrical Cell Structure That Is To Be Affixed To An Automobile Interior Component At A Desired Location To Allow Impact Standards To Be Met] Automobile Interior Components That Satisfy Impact Standards And A Method For Manufacturing The Same.

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